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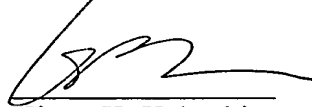
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Japanese Patent Application Publication 10-117644 discloses a fishing line guiding mechanism 42 having a fixed shaft 43, a fixed shaft cover 44, a bail 46, and a line roller 45. The fixed shaft cover 44 has a ridgeline section 44b that smoothly joins the bail 46, and a recessed section 44d formed on a ridgeline section 44c, which is opposite from the ridgeline section 44b.

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		EP-1,228,688-A	08/07/2002	SUGAWARA	Abstract, Figs 2, 3, 5	Yes
		EP-1,226,754-A	07/31/2002	MORISE et al.	Abstract, Fig 11	Yes
		JP-10-117644-A	05/12/1998	SATO et al.	Abstract, [0026], Fig 5	Yes

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